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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Official Communication, dated December 20, 2002 (Official Communication"). The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the allowability of claims 1-51, 53-75 and 94-96 as stated on page 2, para. 2, in the Official Communication.

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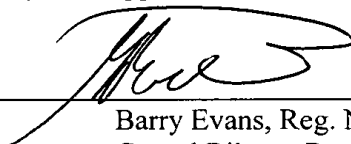
The Examiner states on page 2, para. 3, of the Official Communication a formal matter under provision 37 C.F.R. § 1.178 must be resolved prior to the allowance of the application. To comply with provision 37 C.F.R. § 1.178, Applicants herewith enclose and surrender original Patent No. 5,527,710.

This response is due on February 20, 2003, which is within the shorten statutory period of two months. Therefore it is believed that no additional fees are required for this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **50-0540** for any deficiency or to credit any overpayment.

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